April 15, 1999

S 1112. NO SALES TAX FEE/OTHER CHANGES. *TO PROMOTE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE* BY REPEALING THE SALES TAX REGISTRATION FEE AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE TAX LAWS AND RELATED STATUTES. Effective Jan. 1, 2000, amends GS 105-164.4(c) to repeal sales tax registration fee. Effective July 1, 1999, amends GS 105-88 to make it applicable to regulated check cashing businesses and pawnbrokers. Effective Oct. 1, 1999, amends GS 105-164.13 to exempt from sales tax prescription drugs. Makes additional changes to tax laws. Intro. by Kerr.

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June 14, 1999

S 1112. NO SALES TAX FEE/OTHER CHANGES. Intro. 4/15/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes application of GS 105-88 to loan brokers. Amends GS 105-164.13(12) to exempt sales of the certain prescribed medical equipment, devices and supplies from a license tax levied by cities, counties and towns. Amends GS 105-164.13(13) to extend exemption to nonprescription drugs and insulin. Deletes GS 105-164.13(13b) regarding prescription drugs. Amends GS 164.13(16) to provide an exemption for sales of an article repossessed by the vendor if tax was paid on the sales price of the article. Amends GS 105-164.13(35) to exempt certain sales by nonprofit organizations. Repeals GS 105-164.13(39) regarding sales to publishers of free circulation publications. Adds new GS 105-164.13(46) to exempt sales of electricity by a municipality whose only wholesale supplier of electric power is a federal agency and who is required by federal agency to make payments in lieu of taxes. Rewrites GS 105-164.13(A) to exempt tips on food, beverages and meals provided that it meets certain conditions.

Rewrites GS 105-236(1) to delete the language providing that the penalty for bad checks may not be waived or diminished by the Secretary. Rewrites GS 105-236(5) relating to negligence to cover an individual income tax deficiency. Amends GS 105-237(a) to allow Secretary to waive the penalty for unpaid checks. Amends GS 105-259(b)(15) to allow disclose of tax information to local law enforcement agencies. Amends GS 105-266(c)(1) regarding the statute of limitations to provide that when the taxpayer agrees to extend the time in which the Dept. can assess the taxpayer for an underpayment, the time in which a refund can be requested is automatically extended as well. Rewrites GS 105-449.87(a)(1) to provide that the excise tax on motor fuel does not apply to dyed diesel fuel that is used to operate special mobile equipment. Amends GS 105-449.106 to allow quarterly refunds of motor fuel taxes for persons who purchase and uses motor fuel in a taxicab engaged in transporting persons for hire as well as for persons using motor fuel for special mobile equipment.

Adds GS 20-140.5(g) to provide that the Department of Revenue may access directory information for the purpose of administering taxes it has a duty to collect.

Deletes all provisions of GS 105-122(d).

June 29, 1999

S 1112. NO SALES TAX FEE/OTHER CHANGES. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Adds new section making technical changes to and deleting requirement of contrasting color scheme in GS 105-159.1 regarding tax return designation for political contributions. Amends GS 105-164-14(c)(16) eliminating language with the effect of allowing sales tax refund for any local airport authority created by local act of the General Assembly, effective July 1, 1999 for purchases made on or after that date. Repeals business licensure requirements in GS 105-449.65 (8) (bulk-end user of undyed diesel fuel), and (9) (retailer of undyed diesel fuel). Amends GS 105-449.97(b) to specify that administrative discount is available to supplier that files timely return *and sends a timely payment*.

July 1, 1999

S 1112. NO SALES TAX FEE/OTHER CHANGES. Intro. 4/15/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Reduces the annual tax for loan agencies, check cashing businesses and pawnbrokers business from \$750 to \$250.

July 7, 1999

S 1112. NO SALES TAX FEE/OTHER CHANGES. Intro. 4/15/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Amends GS 105-164.6(f) to delete \$15 fee for certificate of registration. Makes technical changes to GS 105-164.3(25) and GS 105-259(b)(15)d.

July 13, 1999

S 1112. NO SALES TAX FEE/OTHER CHANGES. Intro. 4/15/99. Conference report recommends the following changes to 4th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Rewrites that part of amendment to GS 105-88(a) concerning amount of annual tax to be paid for the privilege of engaging in specified businesses: (1) businesses that make loans, accept liens or assignments on wages or other security for the repayment of the loans, as specified in law; (2) check cashing businesses regulated under GS Ch. 53, Art. 22; and (3) pawnbroker businesses regulated under GS Ch. 91A. Specifies that a person engaged in any of the listed businesses must pay an annual tax for the privilege of engaging in that business and that the tax is payable for each location at which the business is conducted. The tax is \$750 for each business listed in (1) and \$450 for each business listed in (2) and (3).